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The tale
of a
beautifully
cruel
illusion...

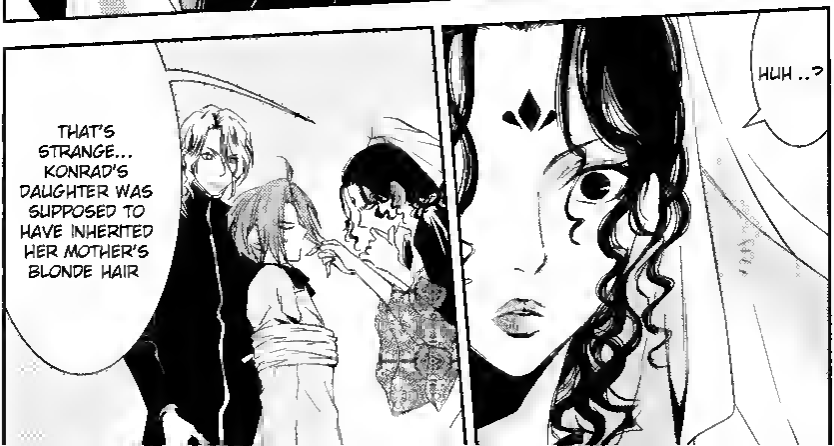
Episode.05

DOWSING? SO YOU USE THIS TO SEARCH?
IT'S A METHOD CALLED "RADIESTHESIA."
YOU USE THIS PENDULUM TO LOCATE THE PERSON.

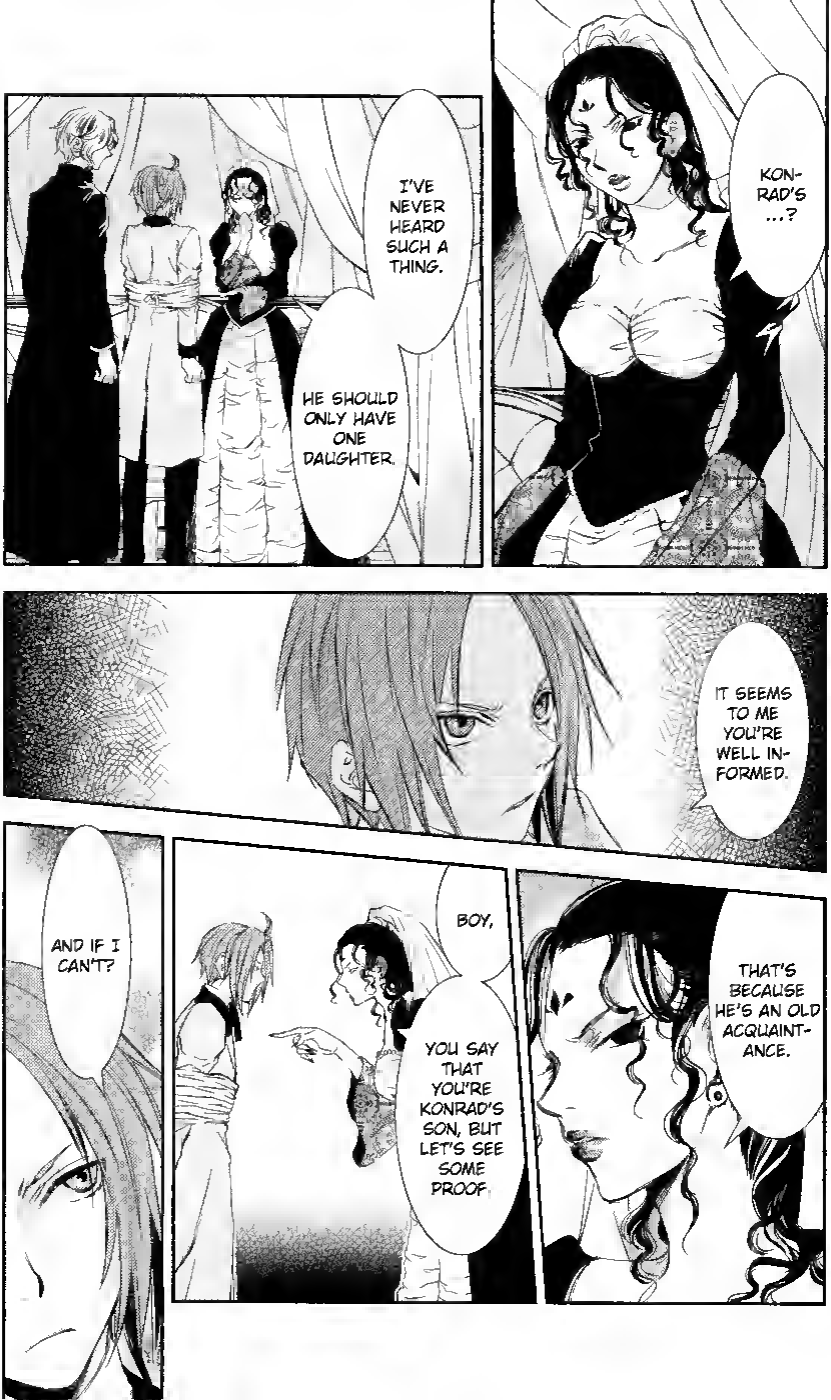
That's true.
S-sure.
PLEASE KEEP IT A SECRET FROM LORD THEODORE.
BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS SAYING HE DESPISES SUCH SUPERNATURAL THINGS.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A DOWSER, CLAIR
.....
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO NARROW IT DOWN TO THIS PLACE, BUT ANYTHING BEYOND THAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE
CAN'T FIND HIM?

IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON THERE.
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
OR PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING THERE, INTERFERING WITH MY DOWSING
THEY COULD BE UNDERGROUND...
COME CLOSER AND LET ME SEE YOUR FACE.
WELL, NOW...

I DARE SAY, WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE SUCH NOBILITY AMONG US.


HUH ..?
THAT'S STRANGE... KONRAD'S DAUGHTER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE INHERITED HER MOTHER'S BLONDE HAIR

HE IS A BOY, MADAM.
ALSO, WHAT'S WITH THIS BOYISH GETUP?
Hmm...
HUH?
I TOLD YOU TO BRING HIS DAUGHTER, DIDN'T I, KALNA?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.
I INSTRUCTED THEM TO GET HER, BUT SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS THEY ACTED ON THEIR OWN.
HOWEVER, THIS GUY CLAIMS HE'S A MEMBER OF THE VEGA FAMILY.


KON-RAD'S ...?
I'VE NEVER HEARD SUCH A THING.
HE SHOULD ONLY HAVE ONE DAUGHTER.
IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'RE WELL IN-FORMED.
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S AN OLD ACQUAINT-ANCE.
BOY,
YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE KONRAD'S SON, BUT LET'S SEE SOME PROOF.
AND IF I CAN'T?

YOU SEEM TO BE PRETTY SMART.
I'M SURE YOU KNOW THE ANSWER ALREADY.
.....
KONRAD LADISLAUS VEGA!!!
ALSO, EVERY NIGHT BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP, HE HAS A GLASS OF WATER FROM HIS FAVORITE GRAVEUR GLASS.
HIS HAIR IS DARK BROWN, AND HE HAS GREEN EYES. HE'S LEFT HANDED.
COMES FROM A FRENCH NOBLE FAMILY, AND IS A SCHOLAR OF HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
HIS FAVORITE BRAND OF CIGARS IS "ACID."
HIS CURRENT RESEARCH IS ON THE ANCIENT RUINS.

...YOU CERTAINLY KNOW A LOT ABOUT KONRAD, BUT...
IT DOESN'T PROVE THAT YOU'RE RELATED, WITH JUST THAT INFORMATION
I WONDER IF YOU'RE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FOR YOUR OWN SAKE
OR COULD IT BE...
.....
THAT YOU'RE REALLY JUST PRETENDING TO BE DEFENSIVE?
EITHER WAY, WE CAN'T JUST LET YOU GO
LOCK HIM BACK UP.
UNDERSTOOD

WAIT A SECOND.
THE THING IN YOUR POCKET...
NO, RATHER,
YOUR WHOLE JACKET... GIVE IT TO ME
HEEEH...
I'LL BE CONFISCATING THESE
I'M NOT GIVING YOU ANY CHANCES
.....
THIS WAY.

I'M SORRY, BUT WE'LL HAVE YOU STAY HERE FOR THE TIME BEING
IT'S BETTER THAN A CELL, RIGHT?
...ARE YOU THE PRIEST HERE?

WHY ARE YOU DOING SUCH A THING?
WHO IS THAT WOMAN?
DO YOU EXPECT ME TO ANSWER?

THEN, THAT'S THAT.
SO PLEASE, BEHAVE YOURSELF FOR NOW.
.....
NOT REALLY.
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
SLAM
Humph
OF COURSE.
LOCK
RUSTLE

NOW, THEN...
WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS...?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT THIS.
LEAVE IT. WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.
THEN...
WHAT SHALL WE DO NEXT?
HMM, THAT'S TRUE.
EITHER WAY, WE NEED TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT KONRAD HAS A DAUGH-TER

WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT AT THIS.
THERE ARE NO SECOND CHANCES.
EVEN THOUGH WE MESSED UP THIS TIME, OUR ORIGINAL INFO ABOUT HIS DAUGHTER
AND KONRAD'S RETURN WERE CORRECT, WEREN'T THEY?
I SEE.
YES. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.
I'LL SHOW YOU, KONRAD
I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT...!

YOUNG LADY.
YE-
YES?
WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MASTER
HE'LL BE ARRIVING HOME IN TWO TO THREE DAYS, JUST AS PLANNED.
O-OH, REALLY?
FATHER DID-

HUH?
ARE YOU FEELING COLD?
T-THAT'S TRUE, I'M A BIT COLD...
I-I MIGHT HAVE A SLIGHT COLD...
WELL, YOU SEEM TO HAVE QUITE THE FIRE GOING THERE
O-OH!
T-THIS IS...!
I-I'M FINE.
IF I JUST REST A BIT, I'LL FEEL BETTER.
THAT WON'T DO! DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?

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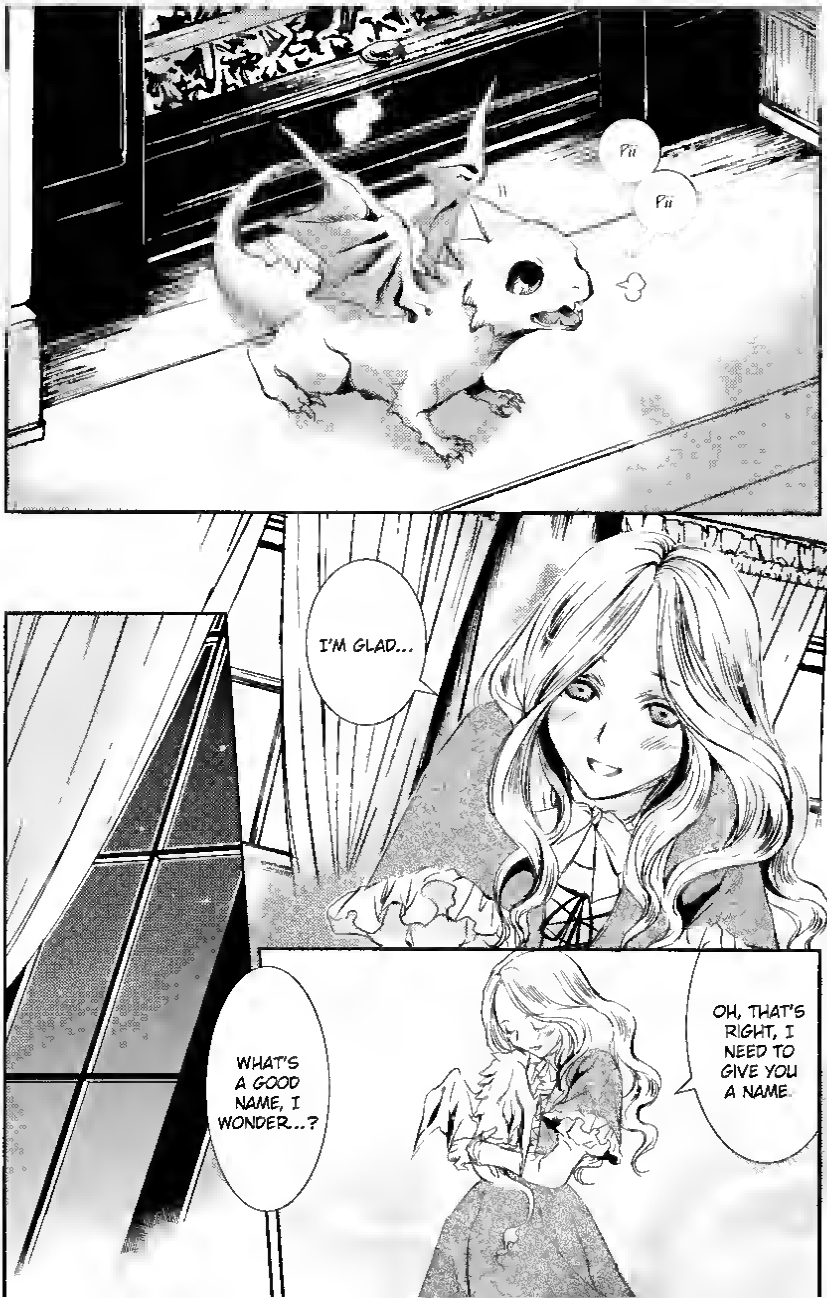
ARE YOU SURE? WELL THEN...
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW OTHERS CAN'T SEE HIM, I STILL GET NERVOUS...
SO...?
DID YOU GET YOUR FILL?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I'M GLAD...
OH, THAT'S RIGHT, I NEED TO GIVE YOU A NAME.
WHAT'S A GOOD NAME, I WONDER...?

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
EHHH-

E-E-ELIAS I'M SCARED!
HAHA, ME TOO.
IS...
IS HE REALLY SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE?
WHAT IF HE'S... HE'S..
UNDER-GROUND
RIGHT UNDER HERE...
.....

AHHH
AND THEN BURIED HIM.
STRANGLED HIM.
THEY STRIPPED HIM OF HIS EXPENSIVE CLOTHING.
BECAUSE HE'S NOT CARRYING ANY MONEY ON HIM.
W-W-WHAT SHOULD WE DO~?
CALM DOWN.
ANYWAY, LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH FOR HIM
IF YOU FIND ANYTHING, JUST CALL OUT IN A LOUD VOICE.

SPLIT UP...GO A-ALONE.
THAT'S TRUE...WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE THAT WAY.
ELIAS.
CALM DOWN. YOU HAVE YOUR FAIRY WITH YOU, DON'T YOU?
SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY ALONE
Left behind...
.....
AHHH-
How can you be that careless?
WELL THEN, LATER~

Rustle
Rustle
ごくり..
ELLA..
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"SHOULD"
BEING THE KEY WORD...
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M NOT ALONE.
I SHOULD BE BETTER OFF THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
SNARL
W-
WHO'S THERE!?

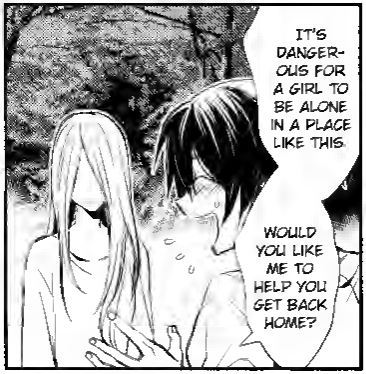
UH...
UMM...
EH...?
WH..
WHO ARE YOU?

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

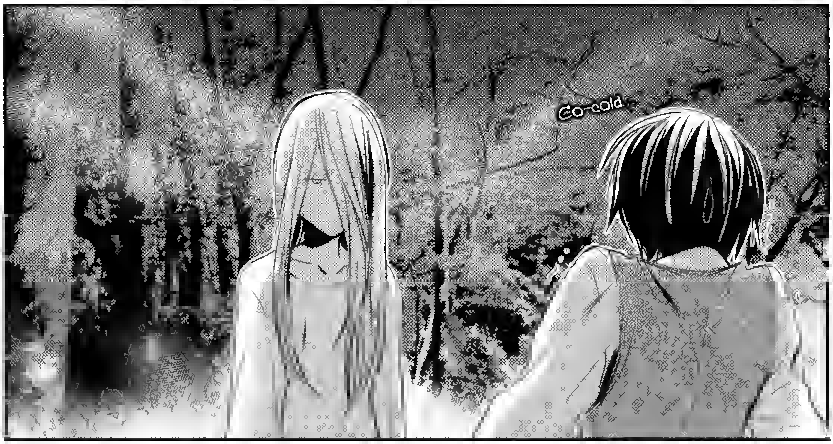
UH...
UM...

D-DID YOU GET LOST WHEN IT GOT DARK, BY ANY CHANCE?

IT'S...
IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M SCARED, OR ANY-THING LIKE THAT.


IT'S DANGER-OUS FOR A GIRL TO BE ALONE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO HELP YOU GET BACK HOME?

!?
RIGHT?


Co-cold

HUH?

A CHURCH ...?
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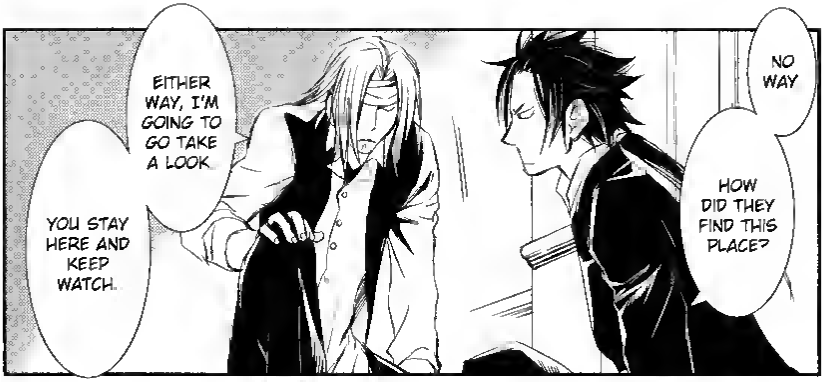
Tug
A NECES-
SITY IN
THE RUOH
MANOR

YAAAAAWN

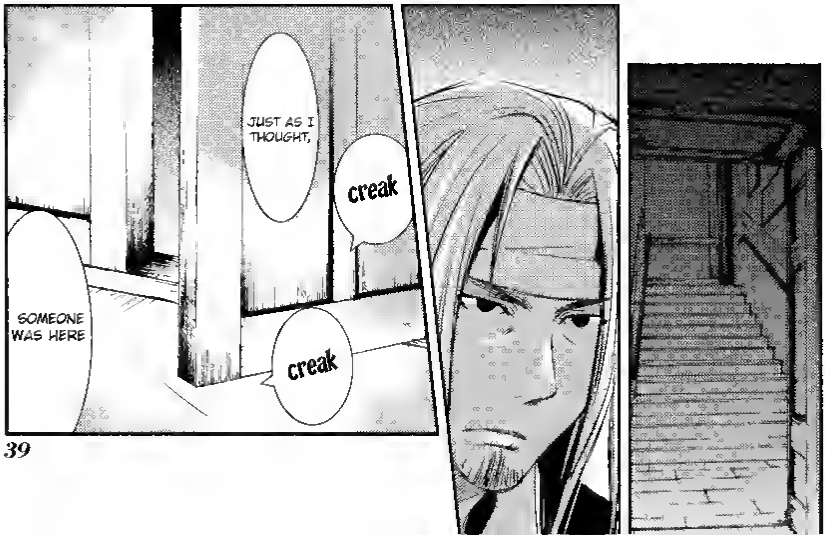
WE WERE TOLD TO STAY HERE AND STAND GUARD, JUST IN CASE,
BUT MAN, IT'S BORING...
YUP ..
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S IRIS?
AH-
SHE HATES BEING SLEEP DEPRIVED, SO SHE WENT TO BED.
AH, OK
.....
UH,
I'M SORRY ABOUT TODAY.

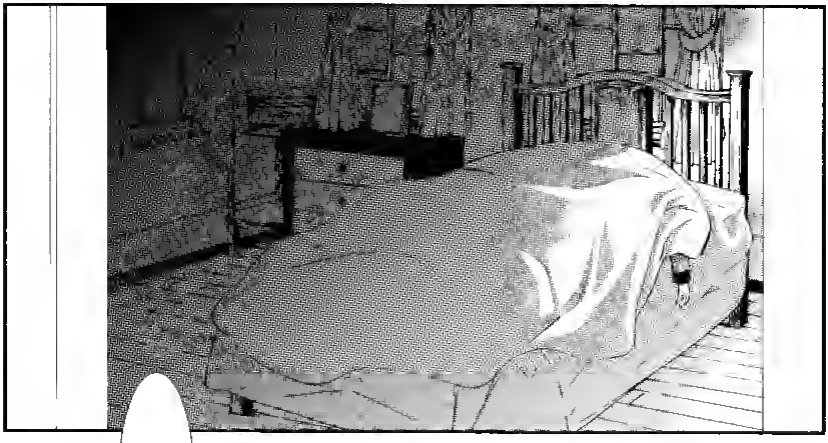
MEH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I DIDN'T REALLY TRY THAT HARD TO STOP YOU.
YOU KNOW,
BECAUSE I WAS IMPATIENT EARLIER, IT ENDED UP AS A FAILURE.
ABOUT WHAT?
I DON'T REALLY GET WHY YOU'RE ACTING AS HER YES-MAN, THOUGH.
... YOU'RE REALLY A GOOD GUY, HUH?
.....
YOU OWE ME A DRINK NOW.
STRAIGHT FLUSH.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

HMM...?
...KAI.
YEAH,
YOU TOO?
SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE A VISITOR
MAN, AT A TIME LIKE THIS, THIS IS A PAIN.
IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER PETTY THIEF, RIGHT?
.....
IT'S PROBABLY SOMEONE WHO'S LOOKING FOR THAT BRAT.


NO WAY
HOW DID THEY FIND THIS PLACE?
EITHER WAY, I'M GOING TO GO TAKE A LOOK.
YOU STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH.

DON'T THINK I'LL FORGET ABOUT OUR BET, EITHER!
.....
I know
First, hurry up and go check!


JUST AS I THOUGHT,
creak
creak
SOMEONE WAS HERE



THEO'S
CLOTHES

MASTER THEODORE
PLEASE WAKE UP, I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME,
MASTER THEODORE
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AHHH!
.....
SOME WEIRD GUY CAME CREEPIN' INTO MY ROOM~
WHAT HAPPENED, IRIS?!
Does it look good on me?
I WANTED TO TRY IT ON.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT GETUP?

THAT OVER-COAT..
HE MUST BE HERE SOME-WHERE...